

Claim 27 defines a data transmission method that transmits: (1) information indicating static media data and its playback time and (2) data indicating a playback time of next static media data. The claimed subject matter supports determining whether additional media data remains to be displayed or if the media data has been lost in transmission so that such lack or loss of media data can be reported to a user (see specification page 9, lines 19-25). (References herein to the specification and drawings are for illustrative purposes only and are not intended to limit the scope of the invention to the referenced embodiments.)

Although Chatterton discloses a digital versatile disk (DVD) specification that specifies data search information (DSI) providing different types of playback timing information (see Chatterton col. 1, lines 39-40 and 48-50), as proposed in the Final Rejection (see Final Rejection section 3, lines 2-5), Chatterton does not disclose that the DSI information is related to the playback time of media data to be played next. And the Final Rejection does not present findings of fact to the contrary.

Accordingly, the Applicants submit that Chatterton does not anticipate the subject matter defined by claim 27. Independent claim 31 similarly recites the above-mentioned subject matter distinguishing claim 27 from Chatterton. Therefore, allowance of claims 27 and 31 is warranted.

Moreover, claim 31 recites that transmitted information includes static media data and an indication of the number of characters within next static media data. The Final Rejection proposes that a known subtitle indicates the number of characters in the subtitle (see Final Rejection section 4, last two lines).

However, a subtitle comprising a word of 13 characters contains no indication of 13 within the characters of the word. The mere fact that the number of characters in a subtitle may

be *deduced* in no way implies that the subtitle *indicates* the number of characters. The Applicants respectfully submit that the Final Rejection has interpreted the claimed word "indicating" to have a far broader meaning than that attributable to it by those of ordinary skill in the art or a dictionary.

Accordingly, the Applicants submit that Chatterton does not anticipate the subject matter defined by claim 31 for this independent reason.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

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